I would like to voice my opposition to removing the collaborative practice agreements prior to APRN independent practice. The reason I am opposed to removing the collaborative practice agreement stems from the fact that the vast majority of nurse practitioners do not have adequate clinical training in their education and are ill equipped for independent practice. Physicians are required to complete a residency, providing training that prepares them for independent practice. Until nurse practitioner have a formal residency to train them, I believe they benefit from a semi-structured practice agreement that allows them to ask questions when they are uncertain about patient care.

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